

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 5-10 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 27, 2009.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication on page 2 of the Action that claims 2, 3 and 5-9 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated on page 2 of the Action, the Examiner suggests amending the preamble of claim 10 to read in the exact same manner as the preamble of claim 9 in order to over this rejection. Applicants have so amended claim 10 in the manner as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is now allowable. As such, it is believed that all of the remaining pending claims 2, 3 and 5-10, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

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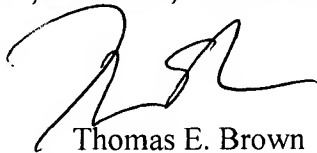
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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